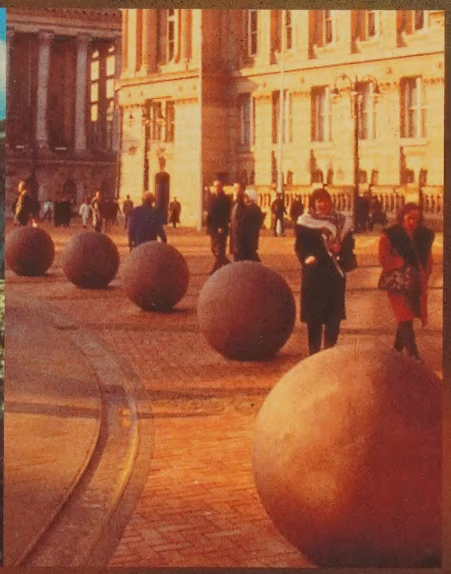
The Landscape Institute Setting the standard



The Landscape Institute

The Landscape Institute is the professional body of landscape architects and comprises landscape designers, planners, managers and scientists. Landscape architects work on all types of external space - large and small, urban and rural - with 'hard' and 'soft' materials.

Founded in 1929, the Institute now has 4300 members working in both the public and private sectors.

Landscape architects make a vital contribution to developing and invigorating the modern environment - in towns, cities and the countryside. The profession brings imagination and sensitivity backed by science and practical skills.

Good landscape design works with existing patterns of development to create a sense of place for each community. It makes better places in which people are happy to live, work and take their leisure. Open spaces between buildings are not simply gaps between them. They are the key to cohesion and a fully integrated approach to the betterment of the public realm. Proper management ensures they remain so.

The Royal Charter

The Landscape Institute was awarded a Royal Charter of Incorporation on 8 July 1997.

"The award of Royal Charters to professional bodies is increasingly rare these days. They have to meet the very stringent criteria which the Privy Council applies as regards the qualifications of members and the standing and activity of the body concerned. The award of a charter is indeed a great accolade and the award to the Landscape Institute recognises the value of the profession in terms of the benefit which the public derives from the activities of landscape architects and a track record of acheivement by the Institute and its members"

The Rt Hon Ann Taylor MP
President of the Privy Council

Left **London planes in Berkeley Square**

Project
A survey of London's trees

Client
Task Force Trees / Countryside Commission

Landscape Architect
Cobham Resource Consultants

Photograph
Derry Robinson

Right **The Piazza Royal Albert Docks London**

Project
Royal Albert Docks regeneration

Client
London Docklands Development Corporation

Landscape Architect
LDC Limited

Photograph
Rick Rowbotham

The work of landscape architects

Landscape architects play a role in the planning, design and management of landscape based on scientific assessment and specialist skills.

- Landscape character assessment
- Environmental and visual impact assessment of new developments
- Regeneration of the public realm including urban open space, city squares, town centres and pedestrianisation schemes
- Reclamation of derelict and despoiled land
- Appraisals for conservation, forestry and other landscape-related projects
- Housing: including open spaces and play areas
- New communities
- Public parks, golf courses, theme parks and sports facilities
- Tourist or historic landscapes
- Major industrial projects including reservoirs, power stations and quarries
- Business parks, hotels, and all types of commercial and industrial development
- Highways and other transport-related projects
- University, hospital and school campuses and grounds
- Private estates and gardens

Top left **The character map of England**

Project
Analysis of the character of the English landscape

Client
Countryside Commission & English Nature

Landscape Architect
Chris Blandford Associates

Above left **Wrekin woodlands in Ironbridge Gorge**

Project
Management plans for Telford's woodlands

Client
Wrekin District Council

Landscape Architect
Gillespies

Photograph
Skyscan

Above right **Roof garden for RMC Group headquarters, Surrey**

Project
RMC Group headquarters

Client
RMC Group plc

Landscape Architect
Derek Lovejoy Partnership

Photograph
Martin Charles

Above **Thames riverside strategy: Hampton to Kew**

Project
Thames landscape strategy

Client
Thames Landscape Strategy Steering Group

Landscape Architect
Kim Wilkie Environmental Design

Right **Stockley Park Hillingdon, London**

Project
New business park and community recreational space on reclaimed derelict land

Client
Stockley Park Consortium Ltd

Landscape Architect
Bernard Ede

Photograph
Martin Jones

The profession's contribution

The most valuable contribution of landscape architects is often made at the earliest stage of a project in assessing the context of a site :

- How does it fit with what is there already?
- How does it impact on the environment - visually and in other ways?
- Is it in tune with the lifestyles and desires of the local community?
- How will it be managed in the long term?

Working with the client and the community, ideas are generated and an overall concept developed with creativity, knowledge, sensitivity and understanding. From this basis, a master plan and subsequent detail designs are prepared. The landscape architect will also let and supervise contracts for landscape work.

Landscape architects also prepare visual impact assessments, support or prepare applications for capital or revenue funding, and act as expert witness in planning enquiries.

Policy statements

The Landscape Institute publishes policy statements on issues of national importance. These currently include :

- Urban Parks
- Environmental and visual impact assessment
- Streets for people

Careers Advice

Young people entering the profession are the 'seed corn' for tomorrow. Careers information and advice with a list accredited courses is available from the Institute. The Institute's professional practice examination is the recognised qualification for chartered landscape architects.

Registered Practices

Chartered landscape architects are qualified by examination. Clients' interests are protected by the professional indemnity insurance carried by practices registered with the Landscape Institute. The Institute publishes a directory of registered practices with details of work undertaken and will also provide a short list of practices specialising in specific sectors for individual projects.

Left **Young people in town centres**

Project
Research into young people's use of town centres

Client
Funded by The Economic and Social Research Council

Landscape Architect
Helen Woolley, Department of Landscape, University of Sheffield

Photograph

Right **Bedfont Lakes country park near Heathrow**

Project
Reclamation of waste land into an area of nature conservation and public recreation

Client
Hanover Property Unit Trust managed by Rutland Project Management

Landscape Architect
Land Use Consultants

Photograph

Shakespeare

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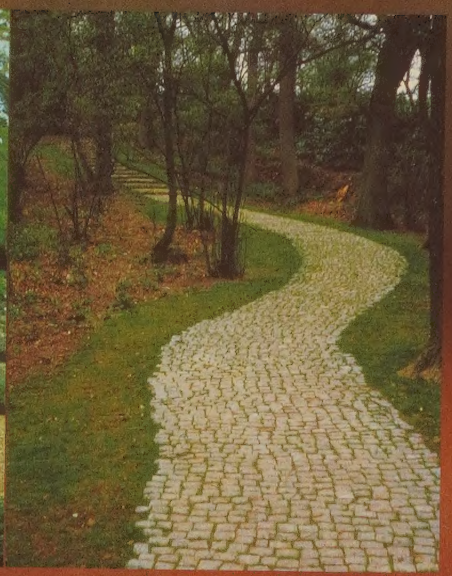

The Kennedy memorial designed in 1965 has been given a Grade II listing by English Heritage.

The other projects illustrated have all received Landscape Institute Awards in the biennial scheme inaugurated in 1993.

Above left **Garden at Fanhams Hall, Ware Hertfordshire**

Project
Training and conference centre for J Sainsbury plc

Client
J Sainsbury plc

Landscape Architect
Higson Pearson

Photograph
P Shorter

Above right **Woodland path to the Kennedy Memorial, Runnymede**

Project
The Kennedy memorial

Client
H. M. Government

Landscape Architect
Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe

Photograph
Susan Jellicoe

Front cover left
Coastline at Seven Sisters, East Sussex

Project
Assessment and management of the Sussex Downs AONB

Client
Sussex Downs Conservation Board and the Countryside Commission

Landscape Architect
Sussex Downs Conservation Board assisted by Landscape Design Associates

Photograph
John Tyler

Front cover right
Victoria Civic Square Birmingham

Project
Regeneration of the public realm

Client
Birmingham City Council

Landscape Architect
The Landscape Practice group, Birmingham City Council

Photograph
Barrie Glover